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## September 20, 2006 MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting

Bob Warren opened the meeting with introductions.

### **MDT NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Summary of Specification Revisions.** MDT discussed six proposed supplemental specifications and two proposed special provisions currently out for review and comment:

- 102.07 Electronic Bid Bond form
- 108.02 Notice to Proceed, clarify "begin work"
- 108.08 Liquidated Damages Table 108-1
- 203.03.3 Moisture and Density Requirements
- 610.04.2 Seeding
- 620.03.6 Epoxy Pavement Markings. From 10 days to 3 for permanent
- 109-2 Asphalt Price Adjustment
- 301-4 Pavement Pulverization

Five possible specification revisions are expected to be sent out the first of October:

- 105.15.1 Substantial Completion
- 109.02 Scope of Payment - Rounding
- 210.03.6 Test Trailers
- 401.03.11 & 409.03.7 Longitudinal Joints (Paving and Chip Seal)
- 623.02 Materials - Mailboxes

**2. Box Beam Guardrail.** MDT is currently reviewing the projects that have had box beam guardrail installations. These projects will be inspected for proper installation and a course of action determined for any repairs necessary.

**3. Grade S and D Revisions.** The proposed revisions were sent out the first part of August. The final version incorporating the comments received was sent out the middle of September. Discussion was held on each of the revisions and the reasoning for them. MDT is working on a new specification to allow easier transfer of a Grade S mix design for a Grade D, possibly a type of Grade S Commercial. The problems are in the acceptance and volumetric properties versus the grade d testing.

**4. RAP Volumetrics.** MDT is working on a RAP volumetric specification. It was suggested that a working group be set up with all comments and suggestions going to that group.

**5. Specialty Items.** MDT is working on a special provision for dealing with specialty items, they need to be identified prior to bidding. Contractors are asked to use the Q&A forum to send suggestions for these items during advertising.

**6. Public Interest Findings.** These will be posted on the MDT Internet soon. These are required to specify the use of particular proprietary products.

**7. MDT Internet Help Guide.** MDT provided a handout for locating Contractor related information on the Internet. This was because several comments were received from MCA

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members that they had trouble locating items. MDT offered to have a demonstration in the MDT auditorium after the November letting if anyone is interested.

### **NEW BUSINESS FROM MCA**

**1. Buy America.** A discussion was held on the Form 406 and itemizing numerous small parts and items. MDT detailed the requirements for the form. MCA had concerns with the 5-day requirements and MDT agreed to look into this.

**2. Striping Layout.** MCA brought up a recent project with a special provision that required the Contractor to document the striping layout and then mark them for duplication after the overlay. MDT was not familiar with the special that was referred to, and thought it was a Traffic Bureau special. MDT will look into the use of that provision.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. MSE Walls.** MDT is looking at the process for deciding which projects MDT will specify the backfill. It was agreed that when possible, the backfill should be part of the wall design.

**2. Sulfate Soundness.** MDT has been told they should receive a final report within the next few weeks.

**3. 2007 Engineering Conference.** MDT reminded MCA to submit any requests for classes or forums for the conference in February. Kris Christensen is the contact for the conference, 444-7286 [krchristensen@mt.gov](mailto:krchristensen@mt.gov).

**4. Erosion Control Rate Schedule.** The erosion control task force met in August, with no member from MCA in attendance. This is an ongoing process and work will continue through the winter. MDT is looking at adding additional blanket products and unit changes for silt fence due to steel costs. It was pointed out that silt fence is not a preferred method because of the maintenance and removal costs.

**5. Force Account.** MDT reiterated that most EPM's would rather go with the agreed upon price because of the extra paperwork associated with Force Account. MDT stated that with good justification, EPM's will be more likely to go with the agreed upon price. In the end it is up to the EPM, but this decision is not made lightly. This item will be removed from the agenda.

**6. Rental Rates.** MDT will continue to use the blue book values and will ensure that the latest updates are used. This item will be removed from the agenda.

**7. Contract Time.** MCA feels there is a need for a definition for "impact on traveling public." MDT will look into this but stated the intent is not for permanent signs during winter shutdown on a well maintained road open to traffic. The intent is for Contractor operations that occur "that day" that require traffic control with lowered speeds, detours, etc.

*The next meeting will be November 1, 2006, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the MCA Office.*